

## WHERE DUTY CALLS

IT IS THOUGHT PRESIDENT CLEVELAND WILL BE FOUND.

Consequently He May Accept a Fourth Nomination—Yet It Is Stated That He Has Had Enough of Public Life—A Variety of Views.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—[Special.]—How about the third term? I have a number of letters from my readers asking for information on this subject. It is a very interesting topic, both here and out through the country, but it is also very much of a mystery. I have made repeated attempts to ascertain from Mr. Cleveland's cabinet officers what the president's views are on the subject of a fourth nomination, with what results will appear below. No one assumes that it is certain the Democratic party will nominate Mr. Cleveland again. Some of the leading men of the party think it will, and others are quite as positive in saying it never will. Obviously that is a matter which cannot be determined for a long time yet. We shall have to wait until the party meets in national convention, or at least in state convention, for light on this phase of the question.

**Mr. Cleveland Is Silent.**  
But whether or not Mr. Cleveland would accept such a nomination if offered him, whether or not he intends announcing his unwillingness to be considered a possible candidate, could be more easily settled by one man, and he not more than a minute's walk from where I sit writing. But Mr. Cleveland is silent. His cabinet officers see him nearly every day. Senators and representatives are constantly calling on him at the White House. Yet not a word does the president say to any one of them on the subject. Not a word comes out at any rate, and I know human nature well enough and many of these men well enough to feel sure something would come out if anything there was to come. Do you not think it odd that all this mystery should obtain about such a simple matter?

Yet mystery it is, and the fact that it is made such a mystery is the very thing that leads many observers to conclude Mr. Cleveland is waiting and listening; that he is in the hands, not exactly of his friends, as we would say of a smaller politician, but of the country. They argue that if Mr. Cleveland were not willing to be considered a candidate, if he had fully decided to close his public career with his present term, he would come out and say so, if not publicly, then in such manner that it would be sure to reach the public. But this deduction may be faulty. Mr. Cleveland is a peculiar man.

**The Fear of Caesarism.**  
This much I have observed: Before the recent elections the nearest associates of the president scouted the third term idea. They would not listen to it. But immediately after the elections some of them talked in a totally different strain. For instance, a cabinet minister one night talked to me for an hour about the party outlook. He was sure Mr. Cleveland was the only man in his party who could carry the country; he was sure Mr. Cleveland was the only man left who could go outside the Democratic ranks and attract votes; he was sure the third term prejudice did not amount to anything; that it had been cultivated at a time when the Republican party had a little family quarrel of its own to settle, and at a time when the people were afraid of Caesarism, of the man on horseback, and all that sort of thing; he was sure this prejudice would quickly disappear when the people discerned that there could be no possible danger in the election to a third or fourth term of a man like Mr. Cleveland, who could never be suspected of Caesarian ambition. This cabinet officer was also sure the Democratic party would nominate Mr. Cleveland. At first he admitted the party would not like the idea. It would be timid. It would fear the third term prejudice might prove an insurmountable obstacle. But in the end it would perceive Mr. Cleveland to be the only man with whom it could have even a chance to win and would place him in nomination. This result was the more likely, he thought, because when the Democratic national convention met there would be no strong force there, no commanding personality, no well organized following, excepting, of course, that of Mr. Cleveland. Such opposition as there was to the third term would, under these circumstances, quickly disappear.

**Nobody Knows.**  
"But Mr. Cleveland will not accept, will he?" I asked.

"I do not know," replied the cabinet minister, "but I think he will. That he is tired of public life I know very well. He wants to rest. Mrs. Cleveland wants to get out of the White House with her children. If the president accepts another nomination, it will be with great reluctance, against his personal desires. But I believe he will accept."

"And why?"  
"Duty. The president is one of the most earnest and conscientious men I ever knew. Though I have never heard him say so, I think he believes he has a duty to perform to his country and his party. You must remember the president set out to accomplish two great things during his public career, and he is not satisfied with the result in either case. He wanted to reform the tariff, and has not done so. He wanted to reform the currency system, and has succeeded only in part. He did get the Sherman law repealed, but he will never be content until he has secured retirement of the greenbacks also."

"Then you think he would be a high sense of duty, of a vision incomplete, that would induce the president to give up his personal preferences and accept another nomination?"

"Yes, that if anything."  
Shortly after this conversation Secretary Morton was interviewed out west, and he talked third term very frankly. Then Brother Benedict and Actor Jefferson, the president's intimate friends, said they did not believe Mr. Cleveland would accept. I now call on another cabinet officer, and he says in response to questions: "I have no idea Mr. Cleveland would accept another nomination. He wants to quit." But this cabinet man increased the mystery by adding: "Of course the president has never said a word to me on the subject, and I don't believe he has ever said a word to any one. He is the only man the Democratic party can elect, the only candidate that could command votes outside his party."

It is all very queer, isn't it?  
WALTER WELLMAN.

**Very Affectionate.**  
Wife—You do not love me.  
Husband—I do, and I want to love you more.  
"Then why do you rush off to the club?"  
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder, you know."—New York Weekly.

## CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE.



IF THERE is one feature of our modern civilization which more than another distinguishes it over all former periods, it is the enlarged sympathy with which the wealthy and the cultured regard their poorer and less fortunate fellow men and women. It is undeniable that much of this is the direct effect of Christian teaching and culture, and though men doubtless acted the part of the good Samaritan before Jesus proclaimed his message of peace and good will on earth, there are but few who would feel disposed to deny that the active benevolence so characteristic of our times is the direct outcome of that event, which is now being celebrated all over the world.

Though charity is a duty which should not be limited by times and seasons, still the bounty of the most benevolent should be more freely dispensed on the occasion of the commemoration of the birth of him who first inculcated the universal brotherhood of man and chose for his companions not the cultured and wealthy, but the poor and humble and illiterate of the earth. "The poor ye have always with you," said he of Nazareth. Christians will best follow their Divine exemplar's footsteps by seeing even beneath the beggar's garb a human heart that may be stimulated by their aid and sympathy into hope and a higher realization of life and its duties.

A. MACNEAL.

## A Christmas Street Musician.

On Christmas day a few years ago, while traversing Cheapside, London, I saw a group of persons standing on the sidewalk, listening with apparent great interest to the merry strains of a hand organ mounted on wheels. The instrument was played by a pretty faced, well dressed female, and a pale faced, handsome young man went around the crowd, hat in hand, soliciting the charity of those present. An inscription on the organ, stating that Viscount Hinton was forced by adverse circumstances to adopt this means of securing subsistence for his wife and himself, explained the presence of the crowd and the interest manifested in the performance. After bestowing my dole, I inquired how a man of his rank became reduced to such straits. He very affably and in the choicest language informed me that since his father's third marriage he had failed to make any provision for him, and having no profession he adopted street organ playing as a means of procuring a living. He added further that he was hopeful his father would relent, if not out of regard for his son at least to save the family from disgrace. Earl Paulet, the father, a short time afterward secured an injunction prohibiting his son from the use of the offensive announcement on his hand organ. I am not aware whether Viscount Hinton continued his perambulations as a street musician after this injunction, so damaging to his vocation, was enforced.

N. M.

**The Bear's Head.**  
The queen still has the honor of beef roasted—a whole side of beef; and the bear's head—relic of the days when taxes were paid in bears' and wolves' heads instead of money—still graces her table also. The custom of carrying in the bear's head in state is kept up. At Queen's college, Oxford, the dish is also served. The legend is told that while a student of the college was walking in Shotover forest, studying Aristotle, he was suddenly attacked by a wild boar. He stuffed his book down the animal's throat, shouting "Graecum est!" and ever since his courage and presence of mind have been commemorated.

MERRY MAS.

## His Gift.



Isaiah—My daughter Rachel was going to get married on Christmas.  
Jacob—You got to give her?  
Isaiah—If business improves between now and then, I will probably give her away.

## IT MAY BE WHITNEY.

EFFORTS MADE TO INDUCE HIM TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

The Popular Ex-Secretary of the Navy as a Presidential Candidate—Certain Elements Who Would Gladly Support Colonel Morrison—Walter Wellman's Gospel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Great pressure is to be brought to bear upon William C. Whitney during the next few months to induce him to change his mind about the presidency. Many prominent Democrats with whom I have talked say Mr. Whitney is the strongest man the party could nominate, and they are afraid that unless he permits the use of his name the party will in despair turn to Mr. Cleveland and place him in nomination for the fourth time, despite the third term prejudice. It is scarcely necessary to say that many of the leading Democrats in congress are opposed to the third term. They do not believe in it on principle, and they do not like Mr. Cleveland. Every observer of men and events in Washington knows that the president has not been able to get along in peace and harmony with a considerable element of his own party.

**Whitney Holds Aloof.**  
These men are now determined to induce Mr. Whitney to be a candidate. Though Mr. Whitney has always been classed as a Cleveland man, being secretary of the navy in the first term and manager of the Cleveland forces at the Chicago convention in 1893, he is nevertheless wholly satisfactory to most of the men who are on bad terms with the president. Since the election of 1893 Mr. Whitney has carefully avoided activity in politics. He declined to be secretary of state. He declined to be minister to London. In fact, when the president elected told Mr. Whitney to take his pick of offices under the government, Mr. Whitney bluntly said he didn't want anything. He refused to exert his influence with the president in behalf of others, except in very few instances, and has held aloof from the administration and from politics in any form as far as he could.

**An Unhappy Lot.**  
No one doubts that Mr. Whitney is in earnest when he says he does not wish the presidency. Not long ago I had a talk with him, and he told me, with every evidence of frankness and sincerity, that he would not be president if he could. He spoke of the enormous labor which a president must perform if he would do his duty, the nervous strain, the sleepless nights, and in general, looked upon four years in the White House as a sacrifice of strength and comfort which he was quite unwilling to make. Mr. Whitney believes that no man was ever happier in the White House, and that after the life of every president is necessarily one of unrest and discontent.

It may be regarded as extremely doubtful if the Democrats who are trying to bring Mr. Whitney out as a presidential candidate will succeed in their purpose. They will represent to him that it is his duty to the party and to the country to stand next year. They will point out to him that if he should be the candidate in 1896 and fail of election, he will remain the official head of the party, and may be again nominated in 1900, when, according to the law of alternation of parties in power, the Democrats should carry the country. But from what I know of Mr. Whitney and his views on this subject I do not believe he will consent.

Mr. Whitney certainly will not consent to be considered a candidate as long as there is any uncertainty as to the attitude of Mr. Cleveland. If the president wants or is even willing to take another nomination, I am sure Mr. Whitney could not be forced to enter the field. At the same time, I do not believe he would support a third term movement. He might give it his assistance in a perfunctory sort of way, but I should be greatly surprised if he assumed a prominent part in the management of the campaign. The president and his former secretary of the navy are still on good terms personally. There never was a real quarrel between them. At one time they were drifting apart, and a coolness had sprung up between them. But some time ago re-established relations, which are much more personal than political. Mr. Whitney is not now regarded as one of the president's followers in the sense that he once was, but he surely would not stand for the presidential nomination if he had any idea Mr. Cleveland wanted it or was willing to take it.

**Colonel Morrison's Chance.**  
There is a great deal of talk in Washington about nominating William R. Morrison of Illinois to succeed Cleveland, Morrison and Whitney are about the only men now talked of for Democratic standard bearer. Mr. Morrison is a Democrat of the old school. He was a tariff reformer before Mr. Cleveland came into public life. He is a man of fine character, plain, blunt, simple, straightforward, poor in the world's goods. He is much the same sort of man that Abraham Lincoln was, or Andrew Jackson. Mr. Morrison has a great many warm admirers throughout the west and south. The fact that he has not been on good terms with the president has added to his popularity with a certain element of his party. After Mr. Cleveland's inauguration, in 1893, Colonel Morrison declared he would never set foot within the White House as long as Mr. Cleveland remained there, and he has kept his word.

The elements of the Democratic party who do not like the president or oppose his policies naturally turn to Colonel Morrison. While Morrison is opposed to free silver he is not as extreme in his position as the president is, and the free silver Democrats say they are afraid their party cannot win next year's battle anyway, and that the best thing they can do is to improve the opportunity to place at the head of their organization an old fashioned Democrat, a representative of the old school, in order to bring the party back to its ancient moorings.

WALTER WELLMAN.

## Animal Rubber.

An insect, which produces a species of India rubber, has been discovered in the state of Yucatan, Mexico, by an American explorer. It is called neen, and belongs to the coccine family, feeds on the mango tree and swarms in those regions. It is of considerable size, yellowish brown in color and emits a peculiar odor. The body of the insect contains a large proportion of grease, which is highly prized by the natives for application to the skin on account of its medicinal properties.

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